

technology and hardware, and an India-Pakistan dialogue on normalization of relations. The imposition of sanctions initially led to Indian and Pakistani concessions, including their declared willingness to accede to the CTBT and the resumption of an India-Pakistan dialogue. The United States subsequently failed to sustain these punitive measures, however. India and Pakistan backed away from their earlier pledges to join the CTBT, while their normalization dialogue became the casualty of the May-July 1999 undeclared war in Kashmir and the presence of hardline governments in both states.

With tensions in South Asia remaining high, the United States must clearly state its opposition to the presence of nuclear weapons in South Asia. Washington must demonstrate its resolve through targeted, consistently applied sanctions and incentives designed to influence the cost-benefit analysis of Indian and Pakistani nuclear decision makers. A failure to do so will result in the deployment of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems in India and Pakistan and the likelihood of the first use of nuclear weapons since 1945.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In its policy toward India and Pakistan, the United States must unequivocally demand that India and Pakistan join the NPT as non-nuclear-weapon states. The current U.S. emphasis on South Asian nuclear restraint is being misconstrued or deliberately misrepresented by the Indian and Pakistani governments as a tacit acceptance of their nuclear weapons status.

2. In an amendment contained in the U.S. Defense Appropriations Bill, Congress has given the President indefinite waiver authority to lift military and economic sanctions, including those imposed automatically under earlier legislation on Pakistan and India. This waiver authority must be used judiciously. Broad and sweeping economic sanctions that adversely affect the weaker segments of Indian and Pakistani society should be removed. But Washington should retain those punitive measures that target Indian and Pakistani institutions and policy-makers responsible for their nuclear weapons programs. These include curbs on the sale and supply of military hardware to Pakistan, the transfer of dual-use technology to India, and military and scientific exchanges with nuclear entities and actors in both states.

3. Targeted incentives should be provided, conditional on progress towards non-proliferation, that would seek to diminish internal support for nuclear weapons in India and Pakistan. These could include the partial forgiveness of India and Pakistan's external debt, increased U.S. assistance for social sector development, and enhanced U.S. support for developmental loans and credits from international financial institutions to India and Pakistan. Such assistance should be linked to concrete steps toward military and nuclear restraint.

4. In re-committing itself to the goals of non-proliferation, the United States should fulfill its own obligation, under Article VI of the NPT, to achieve global nuclear disarmament. This will encourage the advocates of denuclearization in both India and Pakistan and strengthen the norm against the development and use of nuclear weapons not only in South Asia but throughout the world.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM BLILEY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, the Children's Home Society of Virginia was chartered in 1900 by an act of the Virginia General Assembly and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. When Children's Home Society of Virginia began its work, orphaned children were numerous. The society's founders believed that the dependent and neglected children of the Commonwealth would be better off in a family situation than in alms houses or orphanages. The stated purpose was for "finding homes for homeless, indigent, or dependent poor children in the State of Virginia, and other purposes incident thereto." This belief continues to inspire the work of Children's Home Society of Virginia today.

In the society's early days, children came to us through court commitment or direct parental release. The first head of the society, the Reverend William J. Maybee, described its work as being "on behalf of the most dependent, the most unfortunate, and the most deserving children, including orphans, half orphans, abandoned and grossly abused." And he stated furthermore that, "civilization may be quite correctly measured by their treatment of childhood."

By the 1940's the programs had changed from primarily boarding care for dependent and neglected children to a specialized adoption program for children under 2 years of age. The staff, initially comprised of untrained "family visitors" had become a staff of trained social workers.

During the 1970's the society began to see its major initiatives as adoption services, pregnancy counseling, and foster care. There was also a movement to a new policy of accepting infants over the age of 6 months as well as the placing of children of minority or mixed racial background into adoptive homes. In the 1980's and 1990's Children Home Society began to work on behalf of many special medical-needs children, and was successful in placing them into new homes.

Children's Home Society of Virginia will celebrate 100 years of service to the children of Virginia this year. As the needs of children have changed since 1900, the services of Children's Home Society have changed to meet those needs. The agency is devoting more and more of its resources to the care and adoptive placement of children with special needs—babies with medical problems, older children, sibling groups, and infants and youngsters of mixed race. I am pleased to report the Children's Home Society is working in a collaborative effort with Chesterfield County Department of Social Services to place older children and teenagers into loving homes.

One of the most successful stories Children's Home Society of Virginia can share is a 100 percent success rate—every child that has come into their care has been placed into a permanent home. If a child needed to be placed in foster care, the average duration has been 85 days—far below the national average. Children's Home Society of Virginia looks forward to meeting the special needs of children

in the 21st century and I commend them for their 100 years of hard work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HELEN CHENOWETH-HAGE

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE. Mr. Speaker, on March 16, 2000, I missed three rollcall votes at the end of the day because of unavoidable obligations in Idaho. Had I been present, I have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 53 (Mr. BOEHLERT's substitute amendment to H.R. 2372), "nay" on rollcall vote 54 (on motion to recommit with instructions), and "yea" on rollcall vote 55 (on passage of H.R. 2372).

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ROBERT E. FULLER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS WORK AS DISTRICT ONE COMMANDER OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pleasure today to pay special tribute to an outstanding individual from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On Saturday, March 25, 2000, Robert E. Fuller will be honored for his work as District One Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America.

Robert Fuller was elected as District One VFW Commander for 1999–2000. During his tenure as District One Commander, he has unselfishly given of his time to benefit our nation's veterans. Commander Fuller holds responsibility for directing forty-two VFW Posts in Northwest Ohio. A lifelong resident of Henry County, he has spent much of his life working for the benefit of his friends, neighbors, and fellow veterans.

Robert Fuller served in the United States Army from 1951–1954. His service took him to Korea, where he served with the 23rd Regiment of the 2nd Indian Head Division from 1952–1953. For his honorable military service, Commander Fuller earned the Combat Infantry Badge, the National Defense Medal, the U.N. Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation with two overseas bars. After returning from Korea, Mr. Fuller joined VFW Post 6596 in Liberty Center, Ohio, and became a Life Member in 1986.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Fuller has served in many positions within the VFW ranks including Post Commander, Hospital Chairman, and District Chaplain. Mr. Fuller is also a Life Member of the American Legion, AMVETS Post 1313, and the VFW National Home for the children of deceased or disabled Veterans. Commander Fuller chose "Second to None" as his theme for 1999–2000. His efforts and work on behalf of veterans indicate that he carries those words with him every day.

Mr. Speaker, our veterans put their lives on the line and are called upon to make the supreme sacrifice in the preservation of freedom.